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In re Application of Jason S. Brownell et al. Application No. 09/773,256 Filed: January 30, 2001 Attorney Docket No. MSFT-1782/303313.01

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10 (c) filed March 3, 2003, to correct the filing date to January 30, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of January 31, 2003.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on January 30, 2001. In support, on March 3, 2003, petitioner supplied a copy of Express Mail Label No. EK888993606US (the same Express Mail number found on the transmittal sheet accompanying the original application papers located in the official file). The "date-in" on the Express Mail Label is January 30, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition is <u>granted</u> and since no fee is due, petitioner's deposit account no. 23-3050 will be credited in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the **filing date to January 30, 2001** and for issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Telephone inquiries related to this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at 703-305-4497.

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